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### **ACE NY Calls on Governor to Support Direct Sales of Electric Vehicles**

*This measure would support today's announcement by New York State to require all vehicle sales to be zero-emission vehicles by 2035*

ALBANY, Sept. 29, 2022 — In response to today's announcement by Governor Kathy Hochul directing the New York State Department of Conservation to take the regulatory action necessary so that all new passenger cars, pickup trucks, and SUVs sold in the state be zero emissions by 2035, the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) is calling on the Governor and Legislature to remove current restrictions on the sales of electric vehicles (EVs) and enact the [Direct EV Sales bill](#). It is critical that New Yorkers have easy and unfettered access to buy EVs directly.

New York law currently allows only five store locations across the state to sell EVs directly to the public. All other EV companies are prevented from opening EV sales locations in the state, making it unnecessarily difficult for people to purchase EVs.

The passage of the Direct EV Sales bill will amend this policy and make it easier for a consumer to purchase an EV of their choice. Bill A.4614, sponsored by Assemblywoman Fahy, was introduced in the last legislative session and will be reintroduced next year.

For New Yorkers interested in showing support for the direct sales of EVs in New York, take action by directly [emailing Governor Hochul](#) through a form on the ACE NY website.

Deb Peck Kelleher, Director of Policy Analyst and Operations for the Alliance for Clean Energy New York stated, "To meet the sales requirements in the new Advanced Clean Car II regulations, we need to modernize our state law and expand purchasing options for consumers. New Yorkers across the state should have convenient access to EV sales locations."

Governor Hochul made the announcement during [National Drive Electric Week](#), a nationwide celebration to raise awareness of the many benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles. ACE NY welcomes today's actions on the issuance of the Advanced Clean Car II regulations. The Alliance thanks Governor Hochul for the bold steps she has taken to reduce our state's climate emissions and harmful air pollution. She has made New York a leader in climate policy

with the recent state budget provisions to transition our school bus fleet to cleaner zero emission buses.

New York State has led the national drive to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector. For New Yorkers, the state offers the [NY Drive Clean Rebate](#) to make EVs more affordable; the federal government offers [EV Tax Credits](#).

New York businesses can save money when installing EV chargers through the state's [EV Make-Ready Program](#) and municipalities can benefit from the [ElectrifyNY toolkit](#).

Last month, California finalized its Advanced Clean Cars II regulation which unlocked New York's ability to adopt the same regulation and provide the needed regulatory certainty to support a stable market for long-term vehicle purchasing decisions and the development of ZEV charging infrastructure.

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About the Alliance for Clean Energy New York: The Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) is a broad coalition dedicated to promoting clean energy, energy efficiency, a healthy environment, and a strong economy for the Empire State, and is New York's premier advocate for the rapid adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.

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